Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A physiologically acceptable aqueous solution that comprises recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, wherein said solution further comprises from 0.1 mM to 50 mM EDTA.

2. (Original) The aqueous solution of claim 1, wherein the concentration of EDTA is 0.1 to 5 mM.

3. (Original) The aqueous solution of claim 1, wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

4. (Previously Presented) The aqueous solution of claim 3, wherein the EDTA concentration is 5 mM, and wherein the solution has a pH of 7.4 and further comprises 10 mM TRIS-HCL, 40 mg/ml mannitol, and 10 mg/ml sucrose.

5. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a stablized, physiologically acceptable, aqueous solution of granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, which comprises adding EDTA at a concentration of 0.1 to 50 mM to a solution comprising 500 μg/ml granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, 10 mM TRIS-HCL, 40 mg/ml mannitol and 10 mg/ml sucrose.

6. (Original) The process of claim 5, wherein the EDTA is added at a concentration of 5 mM.

7. (Original) The process of claim 5, wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A therapeutic method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an aqueous solution of granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor according to claim 3.

10. (Previously Presented) A method for treating inflammatory bowel disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the aqueous solution of claim 1.

11. (Previously Presented) The method for treating inflammatory bowel disease of claim 10 wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

12. (Previously Presented) The method for treating inflammatory bowel disease of claim 10 wherein the inflammatory bowel disease is Crohn's disease.

13. (Previously Presented) The method for treating inflammatory bowel disease of claim 12 wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A lyophilized formulation of recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, wherein the formulation, when hydrated, produces a physiologically acceptable aqueous solution that comprises a therapeutically effective amount of a recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor and EDTA in a concentration of about 0.1 mM to about 50 mM.

17. (Previously Presented) The formulation of claim 16 wherein EDTA is present in a concentration of about 0.1 mM to about 5.0 mM.

18. (Previously Presented) The formulation of claim 16 wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

19. (Previously Presented) The formulation of claim 16 wherein the aqueous solution comprises a therapeutically effective amount of sargramostim, EDTA in a concentration of about 0.1 mM to about 5.0 mM, 40 mg/ml mannitol, 10 mg/ml sucrose; and 1.2 mg/ml TRIS-HCL.

20. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a lyophilized formulation of recombinant granulocyte colony-stimulating factor, which comprises:

a) adding EDTA at a concentration of about 0.1 mM to about 50 mM to a physiologically acceptable aqueous solution comprising 500 μg/ml recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, 10 mM TRIS-HCL, 40 mg/ml mannitol and 10 mg/ml sucrose formula; and

b) lyophilizing the aqueous solution.

21. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 20 wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

22. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 21 wherein the EDTA is added at a concentration of about 5 mM and wherein the aqueous solution has a pH of 7.4.

23. (Previously Presented) The aqueous solution of claim 1 further comprising benzyl alcohol.

24. (Previously Presented) The aqueous solution of claim 4 further comprising 1.1% benzyl alcohol.